discretion, for the best interests of the District of Columbia, to sell and convey, in whole or in part, to the highest bidder at public or private sale, real estate now or hereafter owned in fee simple by the District of Columbia for municipal use, in the District of Columbia, which the Council of the District of Columbia and the National Capital Planning Commission find to be no longer required for public purposes.

(Aug. 5, 1939, ch. 449, §1, 53 Stat. 1211; June 6, 1924, ch. 279, §9, as added July 19, 1952, ch. 949, §1, 66 Stat. 790; 1967 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §§ 401, 402(192), eff. Nov. 3, 1967, 32 F.R. 11669, 81 Stat. 951; Pub. L. 93–198, title IV, §§ 401, 421, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 785, 789.)

#### REPEALS

Section 7 of act Aug. 5, 1939, repealed all acts and parts of acts inconsistent or in conflict therewith.

#### Transfer of Functions

"National Capital Planning Commission" substituted in text for "National Capital Park and Planning Commission", on authority of act June 6, 1924, ch. 270, §9, as added July 19, 1952, which transferred functions of latter to former. See section 71h of this title and Transfer of Functions note thereunder.

Except as otherwise provided in Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, functions of Board of Commissioners of District of Columbia transferred to Commissioner of District of Columbia by section 401 of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967. Office of Commissioner of District of Columbia, as established by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, abolished as of noon Jan. 2, 1975, by Pub. L. 93–198, title VII, §711, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 818, and replaced by office of Mayor of District of Columbia by section 421 of Pub. L. 93–198. Accordingly, "Mayor" substituted in text for "commissioners".

Function of Board of Commissioners to find that real estate is no longer required for a public purpose transferred to District of Columbia Council pursuant to section 402(192) of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967.

"Council of the District of Columbia" substituted in text for "District of Columbia Council" pursuant to section 401 of Pub. L. 93–198. District of Columbia Council, as established by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, abolished as of noon Jan. 2, 1975, by Pub. L. 93–198, title VII, §711, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 818, and replaced by Council of District of Columbia, as provided by section 401 of Pub. L. 93–198.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 72e, 74b of this title.

## § 72d. Expenses of land sales

The Mayor of the District of Columbia is further authorized to pay the reasonable and necessary expenses of sale of each parcel of land sold, and shall deposit the net proceeds thereof in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia.

(Aug. 5, 1939, ch. 449, §2, 53 Stat. 1211; 1967 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §401, eff. Nov. 3, 1967, 32 F.R. 11669, 81 Stat. 951; Pub. L. 93–198, title IV, §421, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 789.)

## REPEALS

Section 7 of act Aug. 5, 1939, repealed all acts and parts of acts inconsistent or in conflict therewith.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Except as otherwise provided in Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, functions of Board of Commissioners of District of

Columbia transferred to Commissioner of District of Columbia by section 401 of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967. Office of Commissioner of District of Columbia, as established by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, abolished as of noon Jan. 2, 1975, by Pub. L. 93–198, title VII, §711, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 818, and replaced by office of Mayor of District of Columbia by section 421 of Pub. L. 93–198. Accordingly, "Mayor" substituted in text for "commissioners".

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 72e, 74b of this title.

#### § 72e. Execution of deeds to lands

The Mayor of the District of Columbia is authorized to execute proper deeds of conveyance for real estate sold under the provisions of sections 72c to 72e and 74a to 74c of this title, which shall contain a full description of the land sold, either by metes and bounds, or otherwise, according to law.

(Aug. 5, 1939, ch. 449, §3, 53 Stat. 1211; 1967 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §401, eff. Nov. 3, 1967, 32 F.R. 11669, 81 Stat. 951; Pub. L. 93–198, title IV, §421, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 789.)

#### Repeals

Section 7 of act Aug. 5, 1939, repealed all acts and parts of acts inconsistent or in conflict therewith.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Except as otherwise provided in Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, functions of Board of Commissioners of District of Columbia transferred to Commissioner of District of Columbia by section 401 of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967. Office of Commissioner of District of Columbia, as established by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, abolished as of noon Jan. 2, 1975, by Pub. L. 93–198, title VII, §711, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 818, and replaced by office of Mayor of District of Columbia by section 421 of Pub. L. 93–198. Accordingly, "Mayor" substituted in text for "commissioners".

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 74b of this title.

# § 73. Authorization of appropriations for expenses, and acquisition of lands by Commission; assignment of playground areas; control of lands outside District

There is authorized to be appropriated, each year, in the annual District of Columbia Appropriation Act, a sum not exceeding 1 cent for each inhabitant of the continental United States as determined by the last preceding decennial census, said sum to be used by said Commission for the payment of its expenses and for the acquisition of the lands herein authorized to be acquired by said Commission for the purposes named, the compensation for the land, the expense of surveys, ascertainment of title, condemnation proceedings, if any, and necessary conveyancing to be paid from said appropriations. The funds so appropriated shall be paid from the revenues of the District of Columbia and the general funds of the Treasury in the same proportion as other expenses of the District of Columbia. The land so acquired within the District of Columbia shall be a part of the park system of the District of Columbia and be under control of the Director of the National Park Service. Areas suitable for playground pur-